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SUBJECT: SANAA EAC MEETING - 13 MARCH 2004

REF: A. GMP20040312000030

[B](#). SANAA 521

[C](#). SANAA 409

Classified By: Charge d'Affairs Alan G. Misenheimer, for reasons 1.5 (b)
) and (d.)

[1](#). (S/NF) CDA convened an EAC meeting on 3/13 to review security conditions in light of the Abu-Hafs Al-Masri Brigades statement, ref a. The statement claims responsibility for the 3/11 Madrid bombings and calls for attacks in Yemen. EAC agreed the statement does not warrant any increase to Post's already stringent security measures. Key offices and personnel represented included: AID, CDA, CONS, DAO, FPD, MSG, OMC, ORCA, PD, POL/ECON, SOCE-Yemen, and RSO.

[2](#). (S/NF) ORCA said that there is no conclusive evidence indicating that the Abu-Hafs al-Masri organization speaks for al-Qaida. Turning to specific threats against Yemen, ORCA stated that there were no known threats at this time. ORCA added that after the aggressive counterterrorism operation in Abyan (ref b) and the arrest of Abu Asim al-Makki, Yemen is likely seen as a difficult place from which to stage attacks.

[3](#). (S/NF) CDA reviewed what was known about the situation in Abyan and said that he requested a meeting with MOI to seek full information on status of USS Cole escapees.

[4](#). (S/NF) CDA raised Sanaa's request for minor dependents to return (ref c) to Post and asked if the EAC had anything to add. The EAC remains unanimous in support of the request.
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